

Water Resources Department

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PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, December 10, 2024 9:00 to 11:00

A. Call to Order and Introductions (~9:00)

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Zach Freed and Richard Smith

Proposed new members: Eric Schneider and Robyn Cook (to be voted on at the Commission Meeting on December 12th)

Department staff presenting: Justin Iverson, Linda Ray, Bryn Hudson, Tim Seymour, Joe Kemper

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=780

B. Approval of September 2024 Meeting Summary (~9:00)

Did not have quorum, will be included in the March 2025 agenda.

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=802

C. Budget and Legislative Update (~9:05)

Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, provided a summary of the 2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget for OWRD, highlighted groundwater-related Policy Option Packages, and noted her expectation that several bills affecting OWRD will be introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water.

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=999

Comments and Questions: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=1941

D. Harney Basin Groundwater Update (~9:35)

Tim Seymour, Assistant Groundwater Section Manager, provided an update on the Division 512 rulemaking process, including results of management scenario model runs.

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=2793



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Comments and Questions: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=5308

E. Deschutes Basin Groundwater Mounding Assessment (~10:30)

Joe Kemper, Deschutes Basin Hydrogeologist, will introduce a planned assessment of the impacts of historic canal leakage on groundwater levels in the central portion of the basin.

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=6126

Comments and Questions: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=6993

F. Public Comments (~10:50)

No public comment.

Recording: https://youtu.be/6bPtrXEYzH4?t=7604

Adjourn

Meeting notes prepared by Linda Ray and Justin Iverson